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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7230**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 411**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 22, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Ballot Form.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill establishes a ballot form that lists candidates by office for optical scan and electronic voting systems. The bill provides that references to punch card ballots expire December 31, 2005, because the use of punch card ballots is prohibited after that date. The bill removes references to ballot card and electronic voting systems in provisions that only apply to paper ballots. The bill requires that certain features of an electronic voting system concerning the verification or correction of a voter's ballot apply after December 31, 2005.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) Under current law, ballots for all voting methods: paper ballot, punch card, lever machine, optical scan, and direct recording electronic are required to be listed by party. Under the bill, voting methods other than the paper ballot would be allowed to arrange general election ballots by office, in the order specified under the guidelines of IC 3-11-2 (General Election Ballot Forms). Local election authorities may experience some minimal expenditure to update some ballot forms (printing) to conform with the bill. Counties that currently do not employ an optical scan or direct recording electronic voting system would have to conform to the provisions of the bill upon adoption of one of these voting methods.

*Background:* As of January 2004, the following numbers of counties have the following voting systems:

Type of Voting System	Number of Counties Using the Voting System
Direct Recording Electronic	38
Optical Scan	31
Punch Card	22
Lever	1

Note: As of January 2004, some counties that have recently contracted to purchase new voting systems have not yet used the new systems in an election.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** County election boards.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Election Division.

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